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RESPONSE

Applicants respond herewith to the Notification of Insufficient Funds mailed December 28, 2005. Applicants believe all filing requirements were satisfied with the initial filing dated October 15, 2004, including an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and all required filing fees, search fees and examination fees. Applicants believe this Notice was sent in error. The Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) is confirmation.

Should there be any questions regarding this Response, the Applicants' counsel can be contacted at (202) 912-2142.

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